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CLERK: I move to amend 833: Read amendment. See page 906, Journal. Signed Senator R. Lewis.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Any discussion by Senator Lewis?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: No, I think it relates to what I was discussing with Senator Stoney. I would just like to be explicit about it. I have no real hang ups but when you start spelling out exactly a number of hours in the statutes, I would like it to leave some flexibility there. I have no intent of trying to limit the bill in any way. I would move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Is there any discussion on the adoption of Senator Lewis' amendment? Seeing none, the question is, shall the amendment be adopted? Have you all voted? Please record. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Motion is adopted. Any further discussion on the bill? If not, Senator Stoney, you may close.

SENATOR STONEY: I don't believe I will waste our time by closing. I would just move that LB 833 be moved from General File to E & R Initial. Thank you.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The question is, shall LB 833 be advanced to E & R for Initial? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: There is a request by Senator Cavanaugh to take up a motion pending on LB 817 to reconsider our action on Final Reading. The bill was considered by the Legislature on February 26th at which time it did not receive sufficient votes to be placed on the primary ballot. The motion before the body is to reconsider our action on Final Reading.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, I would request permission to take this up at this time.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Proceed.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay. LB 817 is the bill to provide for a constitutional amendment to add or to permit the addition of two justices to the State Supreme Court to increase the number to nine, when and if the Legislature would decide that the need existed. It is permissive. The Court would remain at the current number until the Legislature ascertained the need. I think that we have gotten into a dispute over opinion figures and how many